

Dear Mr Gray.

Am just in receipt  
of your letter referring to my "sets".  
Thank you for the kind suggestions.  
Perhaps I had better wait and try  
and enlarge my list. I could  
readily now enlarge my list  
to 100 of insular plants - but the  
balance would be such as are  
common to both mainland and  
Island - and frequent in every  
collection - regarding them in this  
light hardly thought their addition  
would much enhance value of the  
set. *Astragalus Xerimii*. I  
unfortunately never discovered but one

good specimen of - and that was  
equally divided between yourself. A. N. S.  
& myself - hence it does not appear  
on my list - Now that you have  
kindly put me on the trail -  
think I will try and strike  
out alone - and not allow you  
to shoulder all my load.

Perhaps write myself a few  
travellers botanical notes for the  
"Gazette" - which they may be  
glad to get. and as it were  
preface my wares - with an  
introduction and when the proper  
time arrives wind up with  
an announcement, after the fashion  
of the balut-medicine men.

I collected a few nice things  
lately which I shall be sending  
you soon - *Urtica Breweri*  
which has long since - baffled  
us all - and *Conyololus villosa*

I hope -

Sincerely & respectfully yours

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